REMARKS

Claims 3-8, 10-12, 14-21, 23-32, 36-40, 44 and 46-67 are in the current application, with Claims 3, 5-8, 10-12, 14-20, 28, 37, 49 and 54 having been amended, with Claims 1, 2, 22, 33-35, 41-43 and 45 having been cancelled, and with Claims 59-67 having been added. (It is noted that the new claims 59-67 herein are merely former claims 2, 22, 33-35, 41-43 and 45 presented again with new numbering to overcome an objection from the pending Office Action.) Claims 3, 20, 28, 37 and 44 are the independent claims herein. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

It is believed that the claim objections are now moot inasmuch as the claims that were subject to objection have been canceled[1], and presented again with different numbering.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102(e)

Claims 3-8, 10-12, 14-16, and 20, 21, 23-32, 36-40, 44 and 46-58 are rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,813,769 to Limprecht et al. (hereinafter "Limprecht").

To overcome the rejection with respect to claim 3, that claim has now been written in independent form and also amended to recite "receiving a request from a client computer to perform a service". Support for the new limitation that specifies that the request is received from a client computer is found at page 4, lines 24-26 of the specification.

As now amended, claim 3 is directed to a "method in a computer system for dispatching requests to perform services to sub-applications that use different logic models". The claimed method includes "providing a context for the sub-applications" and "receiving a request from a client computer to perform a service". The method also includes, for a plurality of sub-applications, "determining whether the received request should be dispatched to the sub-application", and "when it is determined that the request should be dispatched to the sub-application, invoking a service routine of the sub-application passing the request". Claim 3 further specifies that "the sub-applications share the provided context" and "the determining

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[1] ...except for claim 44. It is believed that the objection to claim 44 was inadvertent, since claim 44 is in independent form, not "of improper dependent form".

includes determining whether a match criteria for the sub-application matches the received request".

To highlight an important feature of the method of claim 3, it is determined whether a match criteria for the sub-application matches a request received from a client computer.

In explaining the rejection of claim 3, the Examiner referred to a passage at column 19, lines 1-17 of Limprecht. According to the teachings of this passage, the server executive calls "QueryInterface" (presumably a function call) to determine that the server application component provides the IObjectControl interface. However, applicant respectfully submits that the call to QueryInterface is not a request from a client computer, and the IObjectControl interface is merely used to later deactivate the server application component and has nothing to do with a match criteria for a sub-application or with determining that the match criteria of the sub-application matches the request received from a client computer.

It is therefore respectfully urged that claim 3, at least as now presented, is patentable over the Limprecht reference.

Claim 20 is the next independent claim. In similar fashion to claim 3, claim 20 has now been amended to recite receiving requests from client computers. Further, claim 20 recites invoking a service routine of an instantiated object of the class associated with a sub-application, when the request from the client computer matches a match criteria of the sub-application.

For the reasons described above in connection with claim 3, these limitations of claim 20 are not found in the teachings of the Limprecht reference. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejection of claim 20 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claim 28 is the next independent claim. In similar fashion to claims 3 and 20, claim 28 has been amended to recite receiving requests from client computers. In addition, claim 28 has been amended to recite identifying which sub-applications have match criteria that match the requests from the client computers. For the reasons described above in connection with claim 3, it is believed that claim 28, too, is now allowable over the Limprecht reference.

The next independent claim is claim 37. Claim 37 has been amended in similar fashion to claim 28 and is submitted as patentable on the same basis as claim 28.

Claim 44 is the next and last independent claim. Like the other independent claims, claim 44 has been amended to recite receiving a request from a client computer.

The Examiner's discussion of claim 44 in the present Office Action refers to the Examiner's rejections of claims 1 and 4-6. However, those rejections fail to address limitations of claim 44 relating to retrieving match criterion and determining whether the received request matches the retrieved match criteria. In any case, it is believed that the above discussion by applicant of claim 3 demonstrates that those limitations of claim 44, at least in regard to handling of a request from a client computer, are not disclosed in the Limprecht reference. It is therefore respectfully submitted that claim 44 is allowable over the reference.
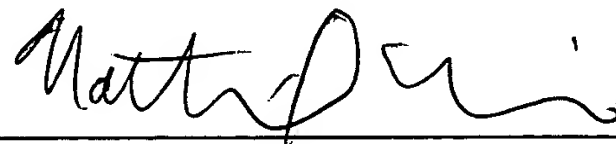
The other pending claims are dependent claims that are submitted as patentable on the same basis as their parent independent claims.

It is not believed that the rejection under § 103 presents any issues that require further discussion.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned via telephone at (203) 972-3460.

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